

## VISITING NURSES TO SELL 500,000 RED CROSS SEALS

Association Undertakes Big Enterprise to Aid Needy Persons

The Bridgeport Visiting Nurses' association have taken 500,000 Red Cross Christmas seals which they will endeavor to sell for the aid of tubercular poor of this city between December 7 and 23. Mrs. A. L. Riker, chairman of the committee, has been busy all this morning distributing seals to practically all of the moving picture houses in town. These seals, which will be shown at every performance, picture the seal, which by the way, is unusually attractive this year with its smiling Santa Claus and red and green coloring, and also tell the price of the seal, emphasize what a horrible disease tuberculosis is, and explain that the money goes to aid the unfortunate afflicted ones of Bridgeport.

"Never since I have been in the city have I seen such evidences of poverty so early in the season, as this year," said Miss Anna Cullen, the head of the visiting nurses this morning.

"Clothing is badly needed as we visit many who have no change of clothing. Our tubercular patients need warm clothing if they are to sleep with open windows as it is pretty hard to tell them to throw away their windows when they have neither fuel for a fire nor sufficient clothing to keep them warm."

The visiting nurses are at present caring for about 50 men, women and a few children who are suffering from tuberculosis. The worst cases are found in the most densely crowded sections of the city and among the foreigners, particularly among the Hungarian and Slavish nationalities. Most people who are at all enlightened understand now-a-days that tuberculosis is curable when the proper means are resorted to.

It is an effort to make some of the poorer, more ignorant afflicted ones understand that care must be taken. They live crowded in a few rooms with various well members of their families and refuse to sleep in a separate room, or use separate dishes, and clothing which is washed separately. The nurse has to carry on what is usually a most discouraging uphill fight to educate these people to the necessity for care, if not to save the life of the afflicted one, to prevent the other members of the family from contracting the dread disease. She goes back again and again to them.

Whenever it is possible to induce one of these patients to go away to a sanatorium this is done but usually they are unwilling to leave their homes, preferring to stay with their people and die to the chance of life, which a few months' sojourn at a sanatorium offers them. Often it is the mother of a family to whom the thoughts of leaving her children for so long a time, overshadow the chance of life and the thought that by staying with them she must surely soon leave them forever.

Sometimes the visiting nurses takes the case to the board of health as is so of one present instance. A young woman, the mother of a seven months' old child is afflicted with the disease and is living in four small rooms, with her husband, her baby, her mother, a 13 year old sister and a child of three years. The windows have been kept tightly closed as she refuses to let the fresh air in and she had been sleeping in the room with the others when the nurse found her. She refuses to go to a sanatorium, saying that she is going to stay at home and die there. As no particular care was taken and there was great danger of the others contracting the disease, the visiting nurses have reported the case to the board of health.

This is but typical of the many instances with which the visiting nurses come into contact and it is to aid such that they are asking the people of Bridgeport to attach the small seals costing one penny to each gift which they send to Christmas and to purchase the stamps for other purposes also, as the thought which lies behind each one of them is a great one.

The stamps are to be on sale at Read's, Howland's, Meigs' and the Post Office. Different ladies, or members of different societies, will preside over the sale, during the two weeks which they are offered. Last year the sum of \$1,114 was realized from the sale which lasted only ten days.

It is anticipated that this year's sales will be much greater as the good work which the seals represent is better understood each season. Fifteen per cent of the amount realized from the stamps goes to the State of Connecticut Tuberculosis Association, who furnish the stamps and the remainder stays in the city where the stamps are sold. The stamps left over, after Christmas are burned in the presence of a notary public.

Millions of Red Cross Christmas Seals are already in the hands of local agents throughout the State, and orders and re-orders are piling in daily at State Headquarters in the Capitol.

The largest shipment so far has been 500,000 seals to New Haven. Bridgeport has taken 500,000, and Waterbury and New Britain follow close behind. Orders from other cities and towns show that largely increased sales are anticipated.

The sale of seals will be inaugurated in many cities by an auction of the first seal, or sheet of seals; a plan which proved most successful last year in New York city; one city realizing over \$400 for the first sheet of seals.

State Director, Chairman of the State Tuberculosis Commission, states that while communities generally throughout the state are covered by Red Cross Christmas Seal agencies, there are still some towns not so represented, but he hopes to have them all in line before the 1914 campaign is over.

Jewelry worth \$30,000 was stolen from a Chicago jewelry store, when the burglar in secret code responded "O. K." to the inquiry of a burglar alarm agency.

By trying to drink in a hurry a quart of whiskey he had won on a bet on Harvard, Isaac B. Pearson, of Clarkville, N. J., killed himself.

## MR. TURKEY DECIDES TO TAKE A DAY OFF

By DAVID CORY



Said the great big Turkey Gobbler  
To the little Turkey Turk,  
"I guess I'll stay at home today  
And not go down to work;

"I have a sort of feeling  
That it's wiser not to roam  
And that it would be safer  
For me to stay at home."

### FOOT-AND-MOUTH

#### RUMOR UNFOUNDED

Report That the Disease Was Being Purposely Disseminated by Men With Syringes a Mere Fabrication of One Irresponsible Person.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Sensational reports that the foot-and-mouth disease is being intentionally disseminated in the hope of interfering with America's exporting meat to the warring countries in Europe have now been proved to have no foundation whatsoever. They have been traced in fact to a story invented by an irresponsible individual in Lincoln, Nebraska. This man stated to a State representative that he had overheard a conversation between two men who were equipped with hypodermic syringes and who said something to the effect that they would see to it that the allies got precious little meat from the United States. This alleged conversation was at first said to have taken place between 5:30 and 7:30 in the afternoon. Investigation showed, however, that the man in question had already reported it as early as 4:00 o'clock that same afternoon. When confronted with this inconsistency, he admitted that he was so drunk at the time that he didn't know whether it was day or night. Furthermore he has already acquired a reputation for similar sensational fabrications. On this slight foundation stories

have been circulated which it is reported are interfering with the marketing of perfectly healthy stock. There is no other evidence whatever of any plot to disseminate foot-and-mouth disease, and it is hardly likely that any government which would undertake such a scheme would entrust it to men so careless as to discuss it when there was any chance of being overheard. The rapid spread of the foot-and-mouth disease is due entirely, in the opinion of authorities in the Department of Agriculture, to the extreme contagiousness of the infection, and in particular to the early infection of the Chicago Stock Yards, the great distributing center of the United States. From these yards the disease was carried by various shipments into all the states in which it has yet appeared. From this point of view, therefore, it is said, the states can hardly be considered as widely separated, since they all were in close communication with Chicago.

Drinkens of Fairmont, W. Va., are eagerly awaiting the day when the confiscated liquor which has been collected since last July will be poured in the Monongahela river.

Armed with shotguns and accompanied with bloodhounds a posse is hunting near Mobile, Ala., for five white convicts who murdered William Mayo, a guard at the convict camp at Canoe, Ala., and escaped.

The World's Bible Conference convened in Washington.

## WEDNESDAY RED STAR BARGAIN DAY



Kindly note that the prices on these Red Star Specials are for this day only. Look for the Red Star signs they denote extra values at the lowest prices ever offered. None of these items sent C. O. D.

★ Men's Silk Four-in-Hand Ties in the new shape in all this fall's colors. Value up to 50c. Wednesday ..... **19c** EACH

★ Women's White Skirts of fine muslin with deep embroidery flounce in a large variety of pretty patterns. Value \$1.00. Wednesday ..... **74c** EACH

★ Domet Flannel, unbleached, fine quality, soft and fleecy for Children's Underwear. 25 inches wide. Value 6c. Wednesday ..... **4 1/2c** YARD

★ Men's Underwear, Fleece Lined, heavy weight, in both shirts and drawers. Value 50c. Wednesday ..... **33c** EACH

★ Huck Towels, large size, fine quality, hemmed with Red Border. Very desirable. Value 10c. Wednesday ..... **6 3/4c** EACH

★ 40 INCH LAWN Plain White extra fine quality for tea aprons. Value 19c. Wednesday ..... **9c** YARD

★ Fancy Ribbon, all silk floral designs for fancy work 5 1/2 inches wide. Value 29c. Wednesday ..... **21c** YARD

★ Women's Kid Gloves, 2 clasp, extra good quality in Tan, White and Black. Every pair guaranteed. Value \$1.00. Wednesday ..... **64c** PAIR

★ Silk Plush Hats, untrimmed, made of hatters' silk plush in new shapes. Value \$1.00. Wednesday ..... **50c** EACH

★ Women's Cotton Hose, ribbed top hose, double heel and toe in Black and White. Out sizes. Value 19c. Wednesday ..... **11c** PAIR

★ Outing Flannel in Pink and Blue stripes fine quality, soft and fleecy, heavy weight. Perfect goods, full pieces. Value 40c. Wednesday ..... **43c** YARD Limit 10 yards to customer.

★ Petticoats made of imitation of Heather-bloom with pleated flounce and under ruffles, in Black only. Value \$1.00. Wednesday ..... **55c** EACH

★ Hand Bags made of Real Leather with Colored Linings and small coin purse, gilt frames. Value \$1.00. Wednesday ..... **59c** EACH

★ Outing Flannel Petticoats in Pink and Blue stripes, heavy weight with deep flounces. Value 39c. Wednesday ..... **22c** EACH

★ Bed Spreads, Crochet Marseilles Pattern, heavy quality, full double bed size, assorted patterns, hemmed. Value \$1.00. Wednesday ..... **85c** EACH

★ Children's Petticoats made of fine quality outing, in Pink and Blue, also White, size up to 4 years. Value 19c. Wednesday ..... **9c** EACH

★ Shirt Waist of Voile and Organdy with low neck, lace and embroidery trimmed. Value \$1.25. Wednesday ..... **85c** EACH

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